

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1413-01
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SB 237
Subject: Attorneys; Courts; Guardians
Type: Original
Date: May 24, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal requires the September 1996 Supreme Court standards for representation by guardians ad litem be updated.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact the courts.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** state this bill requires that the Missouri Supreme Court standards for representation by guardians ad litem be updated. The bill does not address how often they should be updated; just that they be updated from the standards originally adopted in September, 1996.

The fiscal impact to the Children's Division and the Family Support Division is unknown. Updating the Supreme Court standards does not fall within the authority of the Children's Division or the Family Support Division. Without knowing what changes the Supreme Court might make to the existing standards, it is impossible to assess the fiscal impact, if any, to the Department of Social Services.

Oversight assumes the Supreme Court could make updates to the standards that would have no fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services. Oversight also assumes the bill simply requires the Supreme Court to update the standards and assuming the possible updates may create a fiscal impact to state agencies is speculative and not considered a direct fiscal impact of the proposal. Therefore, Oversight assumes the proposal would not have a fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

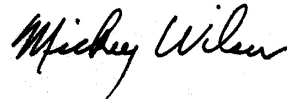
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services



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